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SUBJ: CIVAIR -- AIR NAVIGATION CHARGES

REF: MELBOURNE 177

1. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL FROM PARA. 2 D, REFTTEL THAT AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO FEBRUARY WAE TALKS IN MELBOURNE INTIMATED THAT INCREASE IN AIR NAVIGATION CHARGES OF ABOUT 15 PERCENT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED SHORTLY. INCREASE WAS IN FACT ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 8 BY MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT NIXON. RISE IS 15 PERCENT WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 1, 1975.

2. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF, DEPSEC DR. JOHN TAPLIN AND C.J. SMITH, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AIR TRANSPORT POLICY DIVISION, DOT, CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS OF ANNOUNCEMENT, POINTING OUT THAT AIRLINES AGREEMENT ACT LIMITS RISE TO 15 PERCENT IN ANY ONE YEAR, WHICH IN PRESENT CASE BARELY COVERS PREVIOUS YEAR'S COST INCREASES. TAPLIN ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO PROVISION OF ACT STIPULATING THAT CHARGES TO DOMESTIC TRUNK LINES CANNOT BE RAISED WITHOUT INCREASING CHARGES TO INTERNATIONAL LINES BY SAME AMOUNT. INCREASE WILL APPLY ACROSS-THE-BOARD TO UNIT RATES. TAPLIN MADE POINT OF RECALLING THAT PREVIOUS LABOR GOVERNMENT AT ONE TIME CONTEMPLATED INCREASES IN THESE

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CHARGES OF 125 TO 300 PERCENT.

3. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY OF NIXON PRESS RELEASE.
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